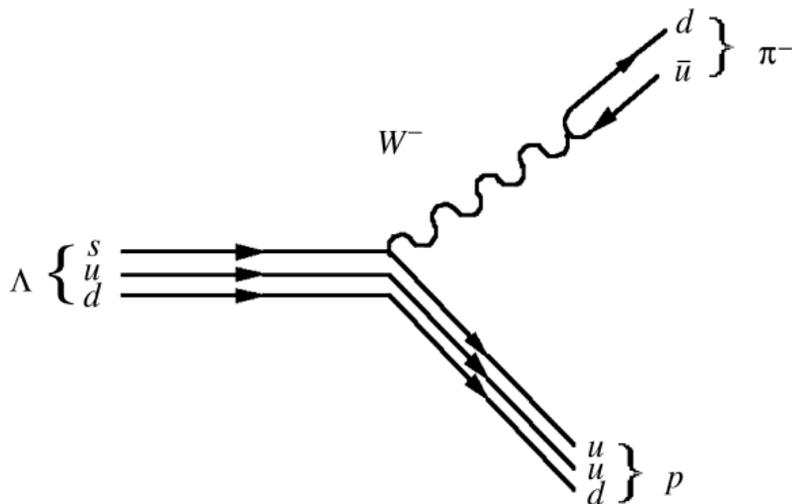


6.3 The Feynman diagram is



The amplitude has two factors of the weak coupling g_W and one W propagator carrying a momentum q , i.e.

$$\text{amplitude} \propto \frac{g_W^2}{q^2 c^2 - M_W^2 c^4} \propto \frac{g_W^2}{M_W^2},$$

because $qc \approx M_\Lambda c^2 \ll M_W c^2$. Now, $\Gamma(\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-) \propto (\text{amplitude})^2 \propto g_W^4/M_W^4$ and so doubling g_W and reducing M_W by a factor of four will increase the rate by a factor $[2^4]/[(1/4)^4] = 4096$.